

REMARKS

A "Related Applications" paragraph has been added. The Specification has been amended to correct various informalities. Claims 1-6 have been amended. Claims 7-18 have been added. This Preliminary Amendment adds no new matter.

The Specification has been amended at page 16, line 21 to recite "tolnaftate" for clarification purposes. Tolnaftate is a more commonly used name for Naftiomate, which is known to one with skill in the art.

The Specification has been amended at page 19, line 24 to recite semi-alkaline "protease." This amendment corrects a typographical error in the Japanese specification.

The Specification has been amended at page 20, line 7 to identify the correct reference number, reference (1), in Example 1.

The Specification has been amended at page 21, lines 13-14 to recite "The fat and muscle coat were then removed from the excised mucosa with considerable care not to let it dry." The amendment clarifies the original text and is made to better describe the experimental procedure.

The Specification has also been amended at page 25, line 24 to recite drugs permeated through the "mucosa." This amendment corrects an oversight in preparing the Japanese specification.

The Specification has been amended at page 27, line 8 to recite "Table 8" to correct a typographical error in the Japanese specification.

Claims 1-6 have been amended to delete "and/or transmucosal" and new Claims 7-12 drawn to transmucosal preparations have been added to reflect the amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19.

Claims 4-6 have been amended and new Claims 13-18 have been added to eliminate multiple dependent claims.

CONCLUSION

Entry of the Preliminary Amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this case, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at (978) 341-0036.

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